Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—The Member seems to know better than the Government.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Have the Government verified the report submitted by the Trade Agent ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—I think it is done in all cases. So also in this case.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—How many times have they revised the prices of the sandal oil based on the report of the Trade Agent ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—From the beginning of the Industrial period, it has been done thousand times.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I think that the answers should be more specific. I appeal to the Chair to kindly see that we get more specific answers to the questions put. The answer just now given by the Hon'ble Minister was that the prices of sandal oil are being revised a thousand times from the Industrial period. It might mean from even pre-Pandava times.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Industrial period did not exist in pre-Pandava Times.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—May I bring it to the notice of the Chair that the question itself was very vague ?

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—That is a matter to be decided by the Chair.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it a fact that France consumes the highest quantity of Sandal Oil ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Notice.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it under the contemplation of the Government that after recalling the official agent from London they are going to appoint a non-official in Paris ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—It is not decided what to do next.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—When the Trade Agent is recalled, may I know what is the alternative arrangement that is going to be made to push on the sale of Sandal Oil ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—It is under consideration. I have already answered.

Grant of wholesale Silk Agency

Q.—327. Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Yelandoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Government Silk Weaving Factory was established at Mysore ;

(*b*) the annual turnover of sales of the products of Factory for the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, and 1951-52 ;

(*c*) who the wholesale agents were for the manufactured silk goods prior to 1951 ;

(*d*) who the present wholesale agent is and when he was appointed ;

(*e*) how many persons had applied for the grant of the wholesale silk agency before the present arrangement was made ?

A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) In the year 1932.

(*b*)

Year	*Sales* Rs.
1948-49 ...	14,67,422
1949-50 (9 months) ...	9,07,473
1950-51 ...	13,59,424
1951-52 ...	10,10,595

(*c*) The names of the selling agents prior to 1951 with the periods are noted below :—

Names of Agents	*Period*	*Territory*
1. M/s. Gokulchand Khanna & Co., Delhi.	1st October 1933 to 12th January 1948.	Delhi, U.P. and Punjab.
2. M/s. Mallicks (Karnatic Agencies, Ltd.), Calcutta.	1st September 1933 to 12th January 1948.	Assam, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa.
3. M/s. M. A. T. Acharya & Co., Bombay.	15th December 1934 to 12th January 1948.	Bombay Presidency.
4. M/s. V. Ekambara Chetty & Sons, Bangalore	1st January 1941 to 12th January 1948.	Bangalore and South of Madras.

(*d*) Janab Mohammed Abba Sait, " Abba Manzil ", Abba Road, Mysore, from 1st February 1952.

(*e*) 9 (Nine).

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—What were the factors considered by Government at the time of granting the wholesale agency ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—The success of the industry and the best method of pushing our products into the market.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Out of the nine applicants, who had offered the most favourable terms ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—I consider that the agent to whom it was granted had offered the best terms.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Have the Government taken any deposit from the present wholesale agent ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—What is the amount ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Notice.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Has the present wholesale agent given any guarantee for sale ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Yes.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—What is that guarantee ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—The conditions are mentioned in the deed of agency.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Since how long he has ceased to be a businessman ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—That does not arise out of this question.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Has the agency been given with any retrospective effect ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—It is not possible to give any retrospective effect to any agency.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—What is the territorial jurisdiction allowed for the operation of this agency ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—It is mentioned in the agreement.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—What is the commission allowed to him ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—It is 6¼ per cent.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Has he been allowed over-riding commission also ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Yes.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—To what extent is it going to eat into the profits of the factory ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—By sale we are going to realise more profit.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Was there any unsold stock between 1949-51 when there was no sole agency ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—There was plenty.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Was there any necessity for the present sole agency ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Certainly.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it a fact that this sole agency was given because he canvassed for one of the Ministers during the time of elections ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Absurd.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether the word "absurd" is parliamentary. I do not want the Hon'ble Ministers to lose their temper. If they lose their temper, we can also lose our temper doubly. I want a definite ruling from the Chair if the word "absurd" is parliamentary and if the Ministers can use it in reply to a question put by an Hon'ble Member of this House.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA. (Leader of the House).—The rules regarding questions make it clear that no question should be asked imputing motives. Therefore the Hon'ble Member himself should not have asked such a question. If the Hon'ble Member had avoided making that insinuation, probably things would not have happened as now.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—If a Member puts a question affecting the personality of a person, then I think, it is a matter which should be disallowed by the Speaker. On the other hand if a question affects a person in his official capacity and if he misuses it, every Member has a perfect right to put a question so far as his official position is concerned.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Please read the rules.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I have read them. No motive can be imputed regarding the personal character of any person except it be in his official capacity. The Member has been asking a question about a person acting in his official capacity and when the Speaker has allowed the question the Hon'ble Chief Minister cannot raise any objection. My friend put a definite question 'whether it was because to help a Minister during elections' and it is purely on his official conduct. For that the Hon'ble Minister could have said "Yes" or "No". We want a ruling from the Chair whether it is or is not highly unparliamentary to say "absurd" so that we may know whether we can also use those words.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—In this connection I want to make one observation. The Member who made this allegation made it behind the back of a person whom he had in view. That is the first thing. Secondly, the election tour was not taken up by the previous Minister who granted that in his official capacity. The observation made by Janab J. Mohamed Imam does not hold water because in connection with the election he undertook the tour as Sri Dasappa and not as Minister for Industries. Merely because Sri Rajasekhara Murthy stood for election in that area, he has tried to make an allegation which is not proper. It is behind the back of a person who is not here.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Last month, in the House of the People, I remember having read in some paper that the Prime Minister used these words, subject to correction, "fantastic", "nonsensical" and "perverse", and no Hon'ble Member on the floor of that House took any objection. The use of the word "absurd" depends upon the context. Though it may or may not be unparliamentary, I feel that it is better to avoid such unpleasant words.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Thank you.

Sandal Oil Factories in the State.

Q.—373. Sri S. R. NAGAPPA SETTY (Shimoga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of sandal oil factories in the State ;

(*b*) the quantity of sandal oil produced ;

(*c*) the quantity of oil exported to other countries ;

(*d*) whether there are agents to sell our oil in America ; if so, who they are and since how many years they are serving as agents ;

(*e*) the commission allowed to them on the sale of every pound of oil ;

(*f*) the yield of oil per ton of sandalwood ;

(*g*) the expenditure incurred for sending the oil extracted from one ton of sandalwood to America ;

(*h*) the expenditure involved to send one ton of sandalwood ;

(*i*) whether the agents in America sell and extract oil on behalf of our Government ;

(*j*) whether our factories have too much work to extract oil and then send it ;

A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) and (*c*) The period for which the information is required has not been indicated.

(*d*) Yes. Messrs. W. J. Bush & Co. (INC.), New York, U.S.A., since January 1925.

(*e*) Three per cent on the gross sales realisation.

(*f*) This varies according to the varieties of sandalwood distilled. The average yield of oil per ton of sandalwood distilled in America for the last 5 years was about 128·5 lbs.

(*g*) No oil is sent to U.S.A. Sandalwood is sent instead for distillation.

(*h*) Varies according to freight rates, etc. Current rate is about Rs. 570 per ton inclusive of railway and ocean freight, insurance and shipping charges.